

H.R. 2417, INTELLIGENCE
AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2417. I voted for this bill earlier this year, but I cannot support it today.

I have concerns about a provision in the conference report that would expand financial surveillance authority of our intelligence agencies. I also had concerns about this provision in the first version of the bill that passed the House, but I supported the bill then in the hope that the language would be further clarified in the final conference report. It has not been.

Whereas currently banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions are required to provide certain financial data to authorized intelligence agencies and the Treasury Department, this legislation would expand the list of institutions to include car dealers, pawnbrokers, travel agents, casinos, and other businesses.

This expanded definition of "financial institution" may indeed be necessary for effective counterintelligence, foreign intelligence, and international operations of the United States. But since this bill represent such a significant expansion of the powers of our intelligence agencies, I believe it is important that it be clear and not go further than necessary.

In particular, I am concerned that the language in the conference report only vaguely limits this expanded definition to financial information. I understand that report language makes this distinction more explicit, but that bill conferees objected to including this clarifying language in the conference report itself. The legislative intent of this provision is to expand surveillance in the area of financial—no other—information, but there are no assurances that this intent will be observed when the legislation is implemented.

Mr. Speaker, this provision in the conference report involves the privacy rights of Americans—rights that I believe strongly we must protect even as we work to combat terrorism. Because I'm concerned that this conference report does not strike the right balance, I am voting against it today.

COMMENDING BUSINESS AND IN-
DUSTRY ON EXEMPLARY EF-
FORTS TOWARD THEIR MILI-
TARY GUARD AND RESERVE EM-
PLOYEES**HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of many in the business and industry community who far exceed current-law requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act, better known as USERRA. The act simply states that when a Reserve or Guard member returns from active duty he or she is entitled to the job that they left behind.

However, USERRA not only protects Reserve and Guard members and their families, it also gives America's business and industry a chance to be part of the ongoing effort to protect our freedoms.

Companies like Schering-Plough, ExxonMobil, SCANA Corporation, Wal-Mart, W. W. Grainger, International Paper, and the McNaughton-McKay Electrical Company in South Carolina, all have added enhancements such as paying the full salary deferential, continuing health and life insurance for the servicemembers and their families, and even creating special Web sites for spouses. These are outstanding corporate citizens and I applaud them.

With more than 150,000 reserve component service members still on active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism, this effort is very critical. Mr. Speaker, I urge all employers to not only follow the letter of the law with respect to mobilized Reservists, but to also do their part in supporting the war on terror.

VETERAN TRIBUTE FOR STAFF
SERGEANT BILLY J. WEBSTER**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Staff Sergeant Billy J. Webster.

Staff Sergeant Webster began his military service in the United States Navy during World War II, where he partook in raids on Tokyo Bay under the command of legendary Admiral Halsey. Following the conclusion of World War II, Staff Sergeant Webster joined the Air Force, and he concluded his military service with a posting at Little Rock United States Air Force Base in Arkansas. Staff Sergeant Webster received numerous awards throughout his armed services career. Some of these awards include the World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award with 2 Oak Leaves, and the National Defense Medal.

At a time when we are once again at war, it is necessary to recognize the achievements of these national heroes. Due to their dedication, service, and sacrifice, they deserve our unwavering admiration and our unending gratitude.

Our country often takes for granted the freedoms and liberties our service men and women risk their lives to protect; yet by continuing to honor our veterans we preserve our nation's future by commemorating their past.

Thank you, Staff Sergeant Webster, for your service and sacrifice. You are a true hero.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOG-
NIZES AND CELEBRATES THE
CAREER OF HERBERT BARRACK**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Herbert Barrack, who has

served the Federal Environmental Protection Agency for 32 years.

A resident of Manalapan, he has risen through the ranks of the EPA by demonstrating his commitment to the protection of public health and the environment.

Under Herb's direction as the Chief Financial Manager of the New York Regional Office of Policy and Management, the department has expanded its capacity in administrative areas such as information systems management, financial management, grants management and human resources management.

Mr. Barrack was the first EPA Assistant Regional Administrator for Policy and Management, as well as the first Executive Director of the Administrator's Environmental Financial Advisory Board.

In 1994 Mr. Barrack became one of only two regional representatives on the Regulatory Policy Council, overseeing the EPA's implementation of new Executive Orders on Regulatory Development.

His dedication to his work earned him both the Silver and Gold Medal for Exceptional Service. Mr. Barrack has also received Presidential Rank Awards of SES Meritorious Executive three times in recognition of quality and efficiency in public service.

As an inspiration to his community and the state of New Jersey, Mr. Barrack has contributed significantly to the life of his community. He has earned our heartfelt appreciation for his efforts.

RECOGNIZING KAREN L.
MARTYNICK**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karen L. Martynick for her twelve years of service as Commissioner on the Chester County Board of Commissioners.

Karen Martynick has been a Chester County Commissioner since 1992 and has served as Chairman of the Board for five years. As Commissioner, Ms. Martynick oversees a budget of \$450 million and a workforce of 2500 employees and is responsible for administering and funding a wide array of departments, programs and services.

Under Commissioner Martynick's leadership, Chester County implemented a new comprehensive land development plan called "Landscapes" which has received numerous awards and been cited as a model for other counties around the Commonwealth and the country. Her land use work resulted in her selection by Governor Ridge to participate on his Sound Land Use Advisory Committee. Ms. Martynick was also selected by her colleagues to chair the Sustainable Communities Task Force, a special initiative of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. In addition, she also serves on the Board of Directors of the Association and has chaired the Legislative and Community and Economic Development Committees. In 1999, Commissioner Martynick was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties. During her tenure, she has been named to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's "Honor Roll of Women" and in 1998 was selected by her colleagues throughout the state